

REMARKS

Examiner has noted that Applicants' April 20, 2005 response recited the entire text of canceled claims 32, 64, 96 and 28, and since they are canceled claims, the Applicants should not have presented the text of those claims in their response. Applicants have responded to this concern by deleting the text of canceled claims 32, 64, 96 and 28 in this Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment and Supplemental Amendment.

Applicants have also supplemented their amendment by further amending claims 1, 33, 65, and 97. No new matter has been added.

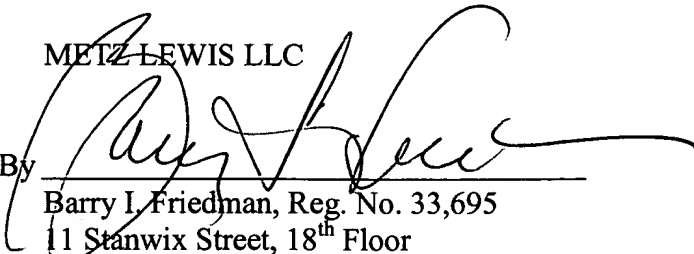
On a final note, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application has been pending for over four years. Applicants' amendment of October 2003, and their supplemental amendment of February 11, 2004 have elicited no substantive response from the Patent Office because of repeated Notices of Noncompliant Amendments. Thus, the Applicants submit that to the best of their knowledge, this Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment and Supplemental Amendment is fully compliant. If for any reason it is not, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the Applicants by telephone to determine if any noncompliance issues can be addressed over the telephone.

Applicants respectfully request immediate reconsideration and allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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